

ETO OF SPROUL WILL ENDS WAR ON BRUMBAUGH

Penrose Men Threaten to Force Probe by Concurrent Resolution

FACTION LEADERS CONFER

HARRISBURG, Feb. 27.—Threats made directly from the Penrose camp that a concurrent resolution, which would not require the signature of the Governor, would be forced through the Legislature and that the promised probe of Governor Brumbaugh and the State administration may be conducted by a standing committee of the General Assembly, failed to convince the members of the Legislature that the investigation will be pushed, following Governor Brumbaugh's veto of the Sproul probe resolution, which was received by the Senate last night.

The administration legislative leaders consider the probe dead now, in spite of the word received from the anti-Brumbaugh forces that they intend to go ahead with their original program and hold one more action on the Governor's veto and his message, in which the Sproul resolution was declared to be a purely factional political plan, was postponed upon motion of Senator William C. Sproul, of Delaware County, the sponsor of the measure.

Before the Senate met representatives of the two factions of the Republican organization held a long conference. Those who took part were Attorney General Brown and William H. Ball, private secretary to the Governor; Senators Sproul, Crow and Snyder.

The confab was regarded as a "get-together talk" by the members of the Senate who are inclined to believe that the factional bluster within the organization is ended.

The Republican up-State leaders have been persistently protesting against the probe and other factional discord since it started. They have argued that the Republicans will lose in next fall's local elections in the districts where the Republicans and Democrats have had an almost even break if the Democrats are given more campaign material. The State-wide leaders, in addition, see only Democratic gain in continuance of the factional dispute.

Governor Brumbaugh today disturbed the talk of harmony by appointing D. Edward Long, of Chambersburg, to be Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding.

The Governor nominated Long six weeks ago, and then last night, after his veto had been read in the Senate, he withdrew the nomination. Today he surprised the anti-Administration forces by appointing Long to serve until the end of the session. Long assumed office a week ago, and at noon he opened bids for the State printing for the next two years.

The Penrose followers, or at least many of them, declared that they feel that they have discharged their obligation far as the probe is concerned, by voting for the Sproul resolution.

Senator Sproul's motion to postpone for the present consideration of the veto and the veto message virtually eliminated any further discussion on the floor of the Legislature over the measure he sponsored.

He issued a statement immediately after the veto was read, in which he indicated very strongly that the proposition to have a standing committee conduct an investigation will be advanced.

\$10,000 Fire Loss to Convent HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., Feb. 27.—The convent of Notre Dame, attached to St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, was partly destroyed by a fire of unknown origin this morning. The loss will run between \$5000 and \$10,000.

POSIZIONI AUSTRIACHE ATTACCATE DALL'ALTO

Due Dirigibili Italiani Rovesciano Tonnellate di Alto Esplosivo su Un Campo di Aviazione

LE RISERVE DELL'ITALIA

Il Ministero della Guerra Puo' Adibire ai Lavori Agricoli 130,000 Uomini

ROMA, 27 Febbraio.

Ieri sera il Ministero della guerra pubblicava il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna circa la situazione alla fronte italo-austriaca:

Nella giornata di ieri si sono avute le solite azioni di artiglieria che sono state particolarmente vivaci nella Val Sugana, nel settore di Piava e nella zona ad est di Gorizia.

Il nemico tentò incursioni contro le nostre posizioni sulle pendici settentrionali del Col Turic, in val di Tra vignolo; a Novist, nella valle del Degano, a sulle falde del Monte Nero, ma fu respinto dalle nostre forze che gli inflissero gravi perdite.

Nella zona a sud-est di Gorizia un reparto austriaco, dopo una violenta preparazione di artiglieria, attaccò una delle nostre posizioni avanzate a sud di Verboia, ma fu respinto e disperso dalle nostre truppe che gli prencero anche diversi prigionieri.

Si è avuta una considerevole attivita' da parte delle squadriglie aeree. Le nostre batterie antiaeree hanno colpito un aeroplano austriaco che è andato a cadere nelle vicinanze di Duino. Ieri sera due dei nostri dirigibili bombardarono con pieno successo la stazione ferroviaria di Rifenburg, nella valle del Branizza; Freleto ed il campo aviatore nemico di Prosecco, a nord di Trieste.

I nostri dirigibili lasciarono cadere due tonnellate e mezzo di esplosivi sui loro obiettivi con eccellenti risultati. Dopo aver compiuta la loro missione, nonostante il violento fuoco delle batterie nemiche ed un violento fucilamento, i dirigibili ritornarono senza danni alle loro basi.

Mentre si prepara la grande offensiva l'Italia ha accumulato grandi riserve di uomini. La prova che essa ha uomini più di quanti ne occorrono per le attuali operazioni militari è nel fatto che il Ministero della Guerra ha accordato una licenza straordinaria a centomila soldati della territoriale perché siano adibiti ai lavori agricoli durante i mesi di marzo ed aprile ed è pronto a mandarne a casa altri 30,000 pure della territoriale, di età tra i 36 ed i 41 anni se ciò sarà necessario.

Oramai fatto che 130,000 soldati possono essere sottratti alle fronti di battaglia senza menomare la forza dell'esercito e quando si aspetta per la prossima primavera la grande offensiva, è veramente significativo anche quando si considera che, oltre a questi, i prigionieri di guerra austriaci sono pure impiegati dall'Italia per i lavori agricoli.

I telegrammi da Londra dicono che i primi segni di quello che gli alleati dell'Intesa hanno preparato per la prossima offensiva sono apparsi nella giornata di ieri, quando il pubblico inglese apprese che i tedeschi si ritiravano nella zona di Bapaume ed i turchi, sconfitti dalle forze britanniche sul Tigri, avevano abbandonato Kut El Amara che è in chiave di Baghdad.

I critici militari non soltanto inglesi ma anche italiani e francesi ritengono che siamo all'inizio della grande offensiva di terra e che il Probabilmente la ritirata tedesca nella zona di Bapaume è stata soltanto un necessario raddrizzamento della linea di difesa, ma il fatto che gli inglesi hanno potuto apprezzare la resistenza del nemico è significativo.

In questi circoli militari la vittoria inglese di Kut El Amara è considerata come un prodromo di altre più importanti operazioni militari sulla fronte sud-orientale non soltanto da parte degli inglesi, ma anche

da parte delle forze russe operanti a nord di Bagdad. Si ritiene che non appena il tempo permetterà alle forze del granduca Nicola di avanzare in direzione sud, l'esercito turco si troverà nella necessita' di ritirarsi in fretta da tutta la Mesopotamia ed una volta sfuggire al pericolo di essere catturato.

WASHINGTON, 27 Febbraio.—Si è appreso positivamente che due cittadini americani che si trovavano sul piroscafo Laconia, affondato ieri dai sommerini tedeschi, sono morti assiderati dopo essere stati salvati dal mare. Sono due donne di Chicago, Mrs. Mary Hoy e Miss Elizabeth Hoy. I loro cadaveri furono gettati in mare. Altri otto passeggeri salvati dalle onde morirono pure assiderati nei battelli di salvataggio ed una decina di persone mancano. In tutto 241 passeggeri ed uomini di equipaggio del Laconia sono stati sbarcati a Queens-town, Irlanda.

L'ambasciatore americano a Londra ha aperto un'inchiesta sull'affondamento del Laconia. Il console americano a Queens-town sta prendendo affidaviti dagli americani salvati specialmente per apprendere se il sommerino diede il preavviso al piroscafo prima di affondarlo. Si sa però da fronte non ufficiale che nessun preavviso fu dato.

DEMOCRATS FORCED TO VOTE LONG RECESS

Republicans at Harrisburg Refuse to Lead, but Help Vote Rest Until March 12

From a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, Feb. 27.—The Republicans "passed the buck" to the Democrats in the Legislature today, and forced the minority party to sponsor a resolution, which they supported, for adjournment until March 12. The vote in the House, where the recess resolution was introduced, was 108 to 62. The Democrats and the members of the House Appropriations Committee voting for the recess. The Senate concurred in the recess resolution and night refused to sponsor the recess resolution and wanted the Republicans to put it on the floor. The Republicans refused, asserting that they would not take the responsibility for further delay.

When the House met today, Representative West, Democrat, introduced the resolution in the House. Representatives Sarig and Straus, Berks, spoke for it. Representative Milliron, Armstrong, offered an amendment providing for an adjournment until next Tuesday. He was supported on the floor by Representatives Williams, Toga, and Ramsey, Delaware.

HER SUGAR COSTS 13 CENTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Because of the submarine risks a 100-pound barrel of sugar shipped by express to Mrs. Henry Clews, Jr., in Paris, which cost \$24 at the refinery, will cost her \$28 more in shipping charges and insurance before it gets to her. She must pay \$21 express and \$7 marine insurance, bringing the cost to thirteen cents a pound.

Mrs. Clews was formerly the wife of Robert Glew, and before her marriage to him was Miss Elsie Whelan, of Philadelphia.

Police Court Chronicle

Some one reached out of a house at Third and Moore and cracked Joe Debbins on the head. Then the door slammed. Joe struggled to his feet when the street stopped revolving and burst in the door.

As he didn't know who hit him he decided to whip every one in the house in order to get the right man. He attacked one family while the others were at dinner and left a trail of black eyes.

Then Joe, who is a persevering negro, learned that the place was a boarding house. There were still about twenty-five persons to beat. Debbins started to work on the second floor, but he found the going more difficult. The first man he questioned handed him a right swing to the jaw and Joe went downstairs without getting time to turn around.

A cop gathered him up and brought him before Magistrate Baker.

The judge expressed sympathy for Debbins, but reminded him that he couldn't "bick" every one within reach just because he didn't know the man who struck him. On promising to cut out the vendetta, Joe was discharged.

BILL FIXES TIME LIMIT FOR SCHOOL AUDIT REPORTS

Measure in Legislature Compels Officials to Complete Work Before First of September of Each Year

By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, Feb. 27.—A bill that would make it mandatory for school auditors in districts of the second, third and fourth classes, taking in all districts over 5000 in population except Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, to complete their work and file their reports before the 1st of September of each year, was introduced in the House today by Representative W. W. Jones, of Lackawanna.

The sponsor of the measure frankly admits that school directors of Carbon County, recently criticized in a report filed by the auditors, would like to see the bill become a law. He says that directors in other districts also favor fixing a time limit for making an audit. He points out that in many instances auditors have turned in bills for several months' work. Under the code passed in 1911 they are named in May by the Court of Common Pleas. They begin their work with the completion of the fiscal year, June 30. The Jones bill would impose a penalty of \$5 per day on each auditor for each day after September 1 that it takes to complete the audit.

30,000 FRENCHMEN CHEER U. S. SHIP ON ARRIVAL

Captain and Crew of Orleans Receive Tumultuous Reception on Docking at Bordeaux

BORDEAUX, Feb. 27.—Thirty thousand persons stood on the water front here today and cheer the American freight ship Orleans as she docked.

Schools and factories closed and their workers and students swelled the welcoming throng.

The crew and officers of the boat were taken through the streets in a parade to the City Hall. Later a lunch was given them.

The American crew of the tank steamer Gold Shell the first American vessel to leave the United States for this side of the Atlantic after Germany's new submarine warfare was inaugurated, thought so little of the undersea danger as they passed through the zone that they lined the steamer's rails singing parodies on "Deutschland Uber Alles." Captain Johns, the vessel's commander, said today that no 200 of submarines was seen.

The Gold Shell left Delaware capes February 8 and arrived here just a few hours ahead of the American freighter Orleans. An official welcome was extended Captain Tucker and the crew of the Orleans today.

COUNTY OPTION BILL TO HAVE PUBLIC HEARING

Vickerman Measure Advocates Will Have Chance to Present Case to Assembly

HARRISBURG, Feb. 27.—The Law and Order Committee of the House this afternoon unanimously agreed to hold a public hearing on the Vickerman county local option bill.

The committee held a hurried meeting after the local option leaders had severely criticized what they termed attempts to jockey the bill in committee, and efforts to block the promised hearing.

Representative William T. Ramsey, of Delaware, one of the "wet" leaders in the committee, urged the committee to set the date. No one voted against it.

The hearing will be held between 2 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon in the hall of the House. Only the local option advocates will be heard. The question of granting either a public or a private hearing to the liquor interest was broached, but no action was taken toward setting any date.

R. P. PORTER IN AUTO WRECK

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Robert P. Porter, American journalist and traveler, is the victim of an automobile accident in Norfolk. He suffered two broken ribs and minor injuries. Late details are lacking, but his hurts are not regarded as gravely serious.

URGES BILL TO RAISE SALARY OF LEGISLATORS

Representative Reichenbacher Says High Cost of Living Warrants Increase From \$1500 to \$2500

HARRISBURG, Feb. 27.—Representative Reichenbacher, new member from Wayne, declares that the high cost of living warrants his standing by the bill he introduced in the House last night and which carries with it a substantial increase in the pay of members of the House and Senate.

Reichenbacher would pay each Representative and each Senator \$2500 for attending biennial sessions of the Legislature and \$500 additional in the event the Legislature convened in special session. The present pay is \$1500. The man from Wayne would fix the mileage fee at thirty cents per mile, an increase of twenty cents per mile over the present rate.

"It's been years since the Legislature handled a bill calling for increased pay for its members. Present-day conditions are such and the cost of living here and in traveling to and from here is such that my bill should meet with the approval of every one," its sponsor says. Members of the present Legislature would not profit by the passage of the bill, since the salaries of State officers cannot be increased or diminished during their term of office.



Carload After Carload of Beautiful Furniture, Just Received, is Now Being Placed on Sale

SHIPMENTS arranged for months and months ago, that should have been here in advance of this February Sale; goods that were intended to grace our floors early in the month and the interior of hundreds of homes before this—and they have come piling in within the last few days. Beautiful suites and odd pieces by the score, many of which may not be duplicated again for years because of the tendency among manufacturers to reduce the variety of their output—and we have been chosen to act the role of "clearing house" and dispose of them at far below their original valuation. Exclusive furniture—much of it—of a quality and design not to be found outside of the Van Sciver Store; and none of it matchable at the prices we quote. It is on our floors today, ticketed at the clearance sale prices decided upon when it was contracted for, despite the advance in manufacturing cost, and consequently retail value, for, with the coming of the Spring season, we shall need all the floor-space we can possibly get. We invite you to visit our Store and personally appraise these values, to see for yourself the countless money-saving opportunities that could not practically be detailed or illustrated in this announcement. Now is a good time to anticipate future furniture needs.

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\$580.00 Bedroom Suite (9 pcs.), Antique Mahogany, \$390.00.
\$250.00 Dining Suite (10 pcs.), Jacobean Oak, \$180.00.
\$102.00 Dining Suite (3 pcs.), Jacobean Oak, \$78.00.
\$72.00 Buffet, Mahogany, \$55.00.
\$355.00 Dining Suite (3 pcs.), Chinese Chippendale, \$275.00.
\$86.00 Writing Table, Sheraton Mahogany, \$68.00.
\$85.00 Secretary, Inlaid Mahogany, \$59.00.
\$130.00 Large Library Table, Inlaid Mahogany, \$95.00.
\$64.00 Large Library Table, Golden Oak, \$48.50.
\$57.50 Wardrobe, Birchwood, \$37.50.
\$67 Bureau, Mahogany, \$47.50.
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\$23.50 Serving Table, Inlaid Mahogany, \$12.50.
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\$32 Seamless Wilton Velvets, 8.3x10.6.....\$28.50
\$36 Axminsters, 9x12 ft.....\$28.50
\$70 Royal Wiltons, 9x12 ft.....\$52.50
\$56 Royal Wiltons, 8.3x10.6.....\$43.50
\$46 Best Axminsters, 9x12 ft.....\$34.50
\$30 Seamless Velvets, 9x12 ft.....\$24.50
\$26 Seamless Tapestry Brussels, 9x12 ft.....\$19.75
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